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SUBJ: AN AMERICAN TRAVELLER'S VIEWS ON AFGHAN EVENTS

1. ON JUNE 5, AN AMCIT RESIDENT IN IRAN AND A FREQUENT TRAVELLER TO AFGHANISTAN, CALLED AT CONSULATE TO DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS. SUBJECT IS A FORMER LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF KANDAHAR AREA WITH APPARENT EXCELLENT KNOWLEDGE OF BALUCHI DISTRICTS OF IRAN, AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN. HE HAD SEVERAL OBSERVATIONS ON RECENT EVENTS IN AFGHANISTAN. DURING CONVERSATION HELD ON PREVIOUS VISIT TO CONSULATE, WHICH WAS REPORTED BY MEMCON ON FEB 5, 1978, HE MENTIONED THAT ABOUT EIGHTY-FOUR YOUNG AFGHAN AIR FORCE PILOTS WERE IN SOVIET UNION RECEIVING SPECIAL TRAINING ON ADVANCE AIRCRAFT. SUBJECT CLAIMED THIS KNOWLEDGE WAS BASED ON PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE WITH FAMILY OF ONE SUCH PILOT. AT THAT TIME, SUBJECT CITED RUMORS THAT THESE PILOTS WERE INTENDED FOR EVENTUAL USE AGAINST PAKISTAN IN SUPPORT OF RENEWED PAKHTUNISTAN/BALUCHI SEPARATIST ACTIVITIES.

2. AMCIT NOW REPORTS THAT LATEST RUMORS ARE THAT THESE PILOTS FLEW AIRCRAFT USED TO SUPPORT COUP IN KABUL. ALLEGEDLY, AIRCRAFT WERE FLOWN DIRECTLY FROM THE SOVIET UNION TO KABUL AT OPENING OF COUP. COUP SYMPATHIZERS REPORTEDLY SABOTAGED
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AIRCRAFT AT FIELDS IN KABUL AREA TO PREVENT THEIR USE BY DAOUD FORCES. AMCIT CLAIMS THIS INFORMATION IS BASED ON REPORTED COMMENTS OF SOME OF THESE SPECIAL PILOTS, ALL OF WHOM ARE NOW BACK IN AFGHANISTAN. SUBJECT IDENTIFIES ONE SUCH PILOT AS THE SON OF BAHADUR KAKAR, FORMER POLICE COMMANDER FOR THE HERAT AREA. RUMORS ALSO INCLUDE REPORT THAT AFGHAN ARMY ELEMENTS OF COUP FORCES WERE RE-EQUIPPED WITH

AK-47 AUTOMATIC WEAPONS JUST PRIOR TO COUP.

3. AMCIT MENTIONED DEATH OF PERSONAL FRIEND AND ENTIRE FAMILY IN COUP AFTERMATH. FAMILY, NAME PIRZAND OR PIRZAD, ALLEGEDLY MURDERED BECAUSE OF POLITICAL CONNECTIONS IN KANDAHAR AREA.

4. AMCIT ALSO REPORTED DELIBERATE MURDER OF A MULLAH, MOHAMMAD GOL MOHAMMAD, IN KABUL SEVERAL DAYS AFTER TAKEOVER. AMCIT ALLEGES THAT MULLAH, WHO SUPPOSEDLY NEVER PARTICIPATED IN POLITICS, WAS KILLED BECAUSE OF HIS RELIGIOUS FOLLOWING IN THE KANDAHAR AREA.

5. COMMENT: THE INFORMANT APPEARS TO HAVE DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF PERSONALITIES AND EVENTS IN AFGHANISTAN. WHILE EMBASSY HAS NO WAY OF VERIFYING HIS STATEMENT HERE, INFO MAY OF OF INTEREST OR VALUE TO EMBASSY KABUL.
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